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Guidance Regarding a Default Identifier in the Prescriber Identifier Field for POS Transactions

In accordance with National Provider Identifier (NPI) requirements, effective May 23, 2008, the NPI is now required in the prescriber identifier field for NCPDP Point of Sale (POS) transactions. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released guidance allowing payers to substitute a default identifier in this field in certain limited circumstances.

Nevada Medicaid has elected to utilize this option for situations where a prescriber is not eligible for or doesn't have an NPI. Please review the attached [letter](#) to prescribers and pharmacies from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy regarding the use of a default identifier.

